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The Plants through the Ages Garden at Kent State Stark

At the northern perimeter of Kent State University at Stark’s wetland research area lies the Plants through the Ages Garden, the brainchild of Dr. Carrie Schweitzer, Professor of Geology. The garden, which was inaugurated on Earth Day 2019 during a campus-community event, provides teaching, learning, and educational outreach opportunities to faculty and students of the Stark Campus, local K-12 students, and the Stark County community. As part of the Campus’s Green Space Initiative, the garden highlights evolutionary changes in flora through time and uses primarily Ohio native plants.

Funded by an Environmental Education and Stewardship Grant from the Dominion Charitable Foundation and Kent State University at Stark with flora donations from Tennessee Wholesale Nursery and the Secrest Arboretum at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, OH, and a bench donation from Carrie and Skip Schweitzer, the garden was also supported by the GEODES Geology Club, the Facilities and Grounds Departments, and the office of the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs of Kent State University at Stark. The following Kent State Stark students, faculty, staff, administrators, and friends contributed to the development of the garden: Meagan Beamer, Thomas Breiding, Sebastian Constable, Kim Finer, Brian Gardner, Shane Husk, Brielle Loughney, Hannah Moauro, Thomas Norton-Smith, Maxwell Purses, Johnathan Risden, Carrie Schweitzer, R.A. (Skip) Schweitzer, Jenna Shinsky, Julie Spotts, Eric Taylor, and Dalton Thompson.

View of the garden from the West, the pergola and bench facing north, and view from the East.

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The Plants through the Ages Garden (continued)

The Plants through the Ages Garden showcases the incredible diversity and beauty of plants through time. Visitors may journey through time beginning in the Paleozoic, about 500 million years ago, and travel through the Mesozoic, the time of dinosaurs, and the Cenozoic to the Holocene period of the present day, which is dominated by flowering plants.

Each of the three eras have key events in plant evolution. During the Paleozoic Era, major events included an invasion of land by plants, the evolution of roots to anchor plants and obtain nutrients, transportation of water by xylem, the increase in surface area of leaves to gather sunlight for photosynthesis, and the appearance of wood and seeds. In the Mesozoic Era, key events included the domination of conifer plants, pollination by wind with cones that protected seeds, and the proliferation of ferns and cycads, also known as sago palms. Significant events in plant evolution during the Cenozoic Era include the radiation of flowers to nearly all terrestrial habitats, co-evolution of pollinators with flowers, such as insects and bats, the appearance of grasslands, the adaptation of deciduous trees to conserve water and energy during cold, dry seasons, and the domestication of grasses and other plants by humans.

Pundits and the public alike will delight in this garden and its wealth of information regarding plant evolution! If you have not visited the garden yet, stroll down to the campus wetland area soon.

Signage at the garden made by Akers Signs and designed by Dr. Carrie Schweitzer and Brielle Loughney, Marketing Assistant. Bench donated by Dr. Carrie Schweitzer and R.A. (Skip) Schweitzer in memory of Barbara J. Schweitzer.
Kent State Stark Grant Activity Update

Table 1 displays grant submissions by quarter and outcomes and award rates for the corresponding quarterly grant submissions. In fiscal year (FY) 2019, 63 grant proposals, valued at approximately $1.2 million, have been submitted. The number of submitted grants is comparable to previous years, but the dollar value of submitted grants is lower. In the three years prior to FY 2019, 61 to 64 grants were submitted annually, ranging from $1.6 to $5 million. Forty-one grants have been awarded to date, valued at approximately $514,098, approximately $51,000 more than FY 2018, with 9 grants still pending, valued at $525,258. To date, in FY 2019, Kent State Stark’s grant award rate is 76% (#) and 79% ($) and the average grant award is $12,540.

### Table 1

Kent State University at Stark
Grant Activity by Quarter by Submission Date
July 5, 2019

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* incomplete data

Annual (preliminary) Grant Activity FY2019* Snapshot

The annual preliminary Grant Activity FY2019* snapshot comes as an attachment to this newsletter. With the end of the fiscal year, the snapshot provides preliminary annual grant activity for fiscal year 2019. The final version will include the outcomes of the 9 pending grant proposals, of which the final notification will be October 2019. The snapshot has seven sections: Grant Awards, Noteworthy, New Sources of Funding, Grant Submissions by Division (#), Types of Grant Awards ($), Sources of Grant Funding ($), and Faculty and Staff Grant Applicants.

Grant Awards

The following external funds were awarded to staff members of Kent State Stark:

- **A. Wallace**, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, 2019-2020 Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program, ($37,000).

Grant Submissions

Kent State Stark staff and faculty members submitted the following external grant proposals:

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**Funding Opportunities for Faculty and Staff**

The following is a list of grants, awards, and competitions listed by educational area with upcoming deadlines. Please contact Theresa Ford (tford15@kent.edu or x 53580) if you have any questions regarding an opportunity on this list or wish to apply to one.

**Limited Submission Opportunity**

**OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION, History Fund Grant**, Letter of Interest (LOI) Due July 26, 2019

The Ohio History Fund is a competitive matching grants program funded by Ohioans through the tax check-off on the Ohio State income tax return, through the purchase of Ohio History “mastodon” license plates, and donations to Ohio History Connection designated to the Ohio History Fund. Eligible projects fall into one of three grant categories: Bricks & Mortar, Organizational Development, and Programs & Collections.

The Ohio History Connection only allows one application per organization. Due to limitations set by Ohio History Connection, Sponsored Programs is requiring submission of letters of interest by Friday, July 26, 2019 for anyone interested in submitting an application. Full proposals to the Ohio History Connection are due September 4, 2019.

Please submit your LOI using the linked [DocuSign Form](#). Your Letter of Interest must include: Completed Limited Submission DocuSign Form, 2-3 page description of your project, and an abbreviated CV of the Principal Investigator. This program has a match requirement. The source of your matching funds must be included with the project description.

If Sponsored Programs receives more than one letter of interest, an internal review will be conducted. Additional information regarding the Limited Submission process can be found at:

[https://www.kent.edu/research/sponsored-programs/limited-submission-funding-opportunities](https://www.kent.edu/research/sponsored-programs/limited-submission-funding-opportunities)

Contact Diana Skok with any questions you may have regarding this Limited Submission opportunity: 330-672-0700 or dskok@kent.edu

**Arts and Humanities**

- Artfully Reimagined, [ReimagiNet Grant](#), ($100 - $500), to individual artists to help launch or support careers in repurposed art, no deadline.
- College Art Association, [Millard Meiss Publication Fund](#), supports book-length scholarly manuscripts in the history of art, visual studies, and related subjects that have been accepted by a publisher on their merits but cannot be published in the most desirable form without a subsidy; applicant authors and presses must be institutional CAA member, deadline September 15, 2019.
- Conference on College Composition and Communication, [Advancement of Knowledge Award](#), to honor empirical research published in the previous two years that has done the most to advance writing studies; nominee must be a member of CCC and/or the National Council of Teachers of English, deadline July 15, 2019.
- Ohio Humanities Council, [Monthly Grants](#) ($2,000), deadline 1st business day of month; [Media Planning Grants](#), ($2,000), deadline 1st business day of month; Cultural Heritage Tourism Planning Grant, ($2,000) deadline 1st business day of month; [General Grants Program: Quarterly Grants](#) ($5,000); and [Major Grants](#) (up to $20,000).
- Pollock-Krasner Foundation, [Grants for Artists in Need](#), (size of award varies), dual criteria for grants are recognizable artistic merit and financial need, whether professional, personal, or both to individuals who have worked as artists over a significant period of time, deadline open.
- Women’s Studio Workshop, [Art-in-Education Artist Book Residency](#), ($350/week stipend up to 10 weeks, $750 materials, $250 travel within US, housing, and 24/7 studio access) support for 2 emerging women artists who are interested in creating a new artist’s book and in teaching young people, deadline November 15, 2019.

**Entrepreneurship**

- Burton D. Morgan Foundation, [Changemaker Grant](#), ($10,000), supports programs, projects, and research efforts that address gaps in collegiate entrepreneurship in an innovative way, deadline September 1, 2019.
Global Education
- 100,000 Strong in the Americas, **Innovation Fund**, Competition for Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador with US Higher Education Institutions, supports proposals with exchange programs that focus on Environmental Studies and Sustainability, with emphasis on addressing solutions to environmental issues and challenges in the eligible countries, deadline 8/15/2019.

Multiple Disciplines and Themes
- J. M. Kaplan Fund, **Furthermore Program**, ($1,500-$15,000), supports nonfiction book publishing projects related to the urban experience; natural and historic resources; art, architecture, and design; cultural history; and civil liberties and other public issues, deadline September 1, 2019.
- Spencer Foundation, **Small Research Grants**, ($50,000), supports a range of topics/disciplines, including education, psychology, sociology, economics, history, and anthropology; research in broad categories of field-initiated, the relation between education and social opportunity; teaching, learning, and instructional resources; the new civics; organizational learning in schools, school systems, and higher education systems; purposes and values of education, deadline 8/1/2019.

Social Sciences
- American Sociological Association, **ASA Community Action Research Initiative Grant**, (up to $3,000) for projects that bring social science knowledge and methods to bear in addressing community-based problems, deadline August 31, 2019.
- Ohio History Connection, **Ohio History Fund**, supports three areas: bricks and mortar; organizational development; and programs and collections, deadline September 4, 2019 – but this is a limited submission grant and the internal Kent State University deadline is July 26, 2019. Please contact Theresa, x 5-3580 or tford15@kent.edu for more details.
- Public Welfare Foundation, **Criminal and Social Justice Programs**, supports groups working on sentencing reform at the state level and working on ending the criminalization and over-incarceration of youth in the US and policy and system reforms to improve the lives of low-wage working people in the US, deadline rolling (Letters of Intent).
- Russell Sage Foundation, **Small Grants in Behavioral Economics**, to support high quality research in behavioral economics and to encourage young investigators to enter this developing field, deadline rolling.
- Smith Richardson Foundation, **Domestic Public Policy Program**, ($25,000 - $104,000), supports projects that help the public and policy makers understand and address critical challenges facing the United States, deadline open (Concept Paper).
- Social Science Research Council, **Abe Fellowship**, (minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 months of full-time support over 2 years) supports multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern – policy-relevant topics of long-range importance for researchers who are willing to become members of a bilateral, global research network around such topics. Four themes: threats to personal, societal, and international security; growth and sustainable development; social, scientific, and cultural trends and transformations; governance, empowerment, and participation, deadline 9/1/2019.
- Sociological Initiatives Foundation, **Sociological Research**, (up to $20,000), supports research projects focused on social policy; institutional and educational practices; linguistic issues (e.g., literacy, language loss and maintenance, language policy, language and national security, bilingualism, language and gender, language and law, language disabilities, language and health, language and education, different language cultures); and community capacity and the organization of previously unorganized groups, deadline August 16, 2019 (concept proposals).
- US Department of Defense, **Minerva Research Initiative**, ($150,000 to $1,000,000/year for 3 years) supports questions of strategic significance to US national security policy; seeks to increase the Department’s intellectual capital in the social sciences and improve its ability to address future challenges and build bridges between the Department and the social science community, deadlines June 20, 2019 (white paper-strongly suggested) and September 26, 2019 (full proposal).

Special Collections/Research Libraries – Travel & Research Grants
Please note that many of these grants encourage scholars to call the library before applying, and many have specific time periods covered by the fellowship for library/collections use. Listed in order of upcoming deadlines; those with no deadlines are listed first.
- Langum Charitable Trust, **Langum Travel to Collections Initiative**, (up to $1,500), supports travel and living expenses of scholars who wish to use the Langum Family Papers or the de Mattos family Papers, both of which are located at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, deadline continuous.
- Smith College Libraries, **Grants for Researchers**, ($1,000 - $2,500)
  - Margaret Storrs Grierson Fellowship, Friends of the Smith College Libraries Fellowship, and German Fellowship, for research in the Sophia Smith Collection and College Archives, to support 4-6 week visits, ($2,500).
  - Mortimer Fellowship, for research in the Mortimer Rare Book Collection, ($1,000).
  - Travel-to-Collections Awards, ($1,000) to offset travel expenses for researchers in Special Collections at Smith College and to support researchers at the pre-proposal stage who would like to survey holdings.
Special Collections/Research Libraries – Travel & Research Grants (continued)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Amy Hague, Research Services Archivist, (ahague@smith.edu) before applying, no application deadline.

- University of Southern California Libraries, Grants,
  - Research Grants for German Exile Studies, for scholars whose work would benefit from access to German exile study materials, no deadline.
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, Moody Research Grants, ($600-$3,000), supports travel/per diem spent conducting research at the LBJ Library, deadlines September 15, 2018 and March 15.
- University of Southern California Libraries, Grants,
  - Wallis Annenberg Research Grants, (up to $1,000), to scholars whose work would benefit from access to primary source materials held in the USC Libraries archival and book collections, deadline September 15 or March 15.

STEM, Environment

- American Association for the Advancement of Science, AAAS Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science, recognizes early-career scientists and engineers who demonstrate excellence in their contribution to public engagement with science activities, deadline for nomination is August 1, 2019, or AAAS Award for Public Engagement with Science, deadline for nomination is August 1, 2019.
- Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Foundation (MWCD), MWCD Grants, supports conservation, outdoor recreation, and other issues that relate to the MWCD’s mission for projects on or adjacent to Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) lands and waters, deadlines quarterly: September 30, December 31, March 30, June 30.
- National Geographic, Participatory Science, (up to $30,000), supports the development or innovative use of data-driven, technology-powered tools that increase the understanding, preservation, and protection of our planet – tools that support citizen science work, particularly data collection or data analysis, in ways that create learning experience for citizen scientists, including students, deadline rolling.
- Ohio EPA, Ohio Environmental Education Fund, (up to $5,000 – mini grant; $5,000 - $50,000 – general grant), 5 targeted areas of focus: (deadlines July 9, 2019 for letter of intent and July 16, 2019 for application)
  1. Projects that encourage pre-school through university students to explore careers in the environmental sciences and environmental engineering
  2. Projects that encourage and explain the importance of habitat restoration efforts to increase biodiversity and improve air and water quality
  3. Projects that demonstrate and encourage the reduction of air emissions
  4. Projects that demonstrate and encourage the use of innovative storm management practices
  5. Projects that demonstrate and encourage best management practices for nutrients, including targeted efforts to reduce nutrient loadings to rivers and streams from urban and rural areas
- Ohio Space Grant Consortium, Student-Innovative-Creative-Hands-On Project (SICHOP), ($5,000 with 1:1 match where unrecovered or waived indirect costs can count as match), for undergraduate student hands-on projects with a faculty mentor, deadline: proposals accepted at any time.
- Waste Management, Charitable Giving, programs that WM is most motivated to support: environment (renewable resources, conservation, preservation/enhancement of natural resources), environmental education targeted at middle and high school students, including Earth Day projects, and causes important to the areas where WM operates, deadline rolling.

Solving a significant critical problem of our time

- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 100&Change, ($100,000,000), supports a bold proposal that will deliver measurable progress toward solving a significant critical problem of our time, deadline July 16, 2019 (registration deadline) and August 6, 2019 (application deadline).